

February 15, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with deep regret that we inform you about a recent loss to our school community. On February 14, 2010 Dylan Hill, a Gloucester High School sophomore, was found dead. This loss is sure to raise many emotions, concerns, and questions for our entire school, especially our students.

Gloucester High School has a Crisis Intervention team comprised of professionals trained to help with the needs of students, parents and school personnel at difficult times such as this. We will have grief counselors from the Center for Grief and Healing available Monday, 2/22/10 for any student who may need or want extra support during this time. We encourage you, as parents, to also feel free to use our resources, to facilitate dialogue with your child. We have attached some relevant materials around grief and loss which we hope you find helpful.

If you would like additional information or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Gloucester High School personnel, such as Amy Kamm, our School Adjustment Counselor, or Ellen Clarke, Director of Guidance at (978) 281-9870, x1208 or (978) 281-9874.

We are saddened by the loss to our school community and will make every effort to help you and your child through this time.

Respectfully,

Dr. William Goodwin